

MARINES Track & Field, Water Sports



TRACK & FIELD, WATERSPORTS STATS:

37:59 – Number of hours it took William C. Maples to run 135 miles in the sweltering Iraqi heat

1976 – The first year of the Marine Corps Marathon

1,775 – The number of runners the first year of the Marine Corps Marathon

19,000 – Approximate number of runners in 2003 Marine Corps Marathon

917 – The number of laps it takes in a Olympic sized pool to swim a marathon

▼ **NAVAL BASE VENTURA CO., Calif.** – Kim Primerano of 9th Communication Bn., Camp Pendleton, exits the swim portion of the 2004 All-Armed Forces Triathlon here June 15. Primerano finished 91st with a final time of 2:37:07. Team Marine placed 3rd with a combined time of 26:12:54, after the Air Force and Navy.

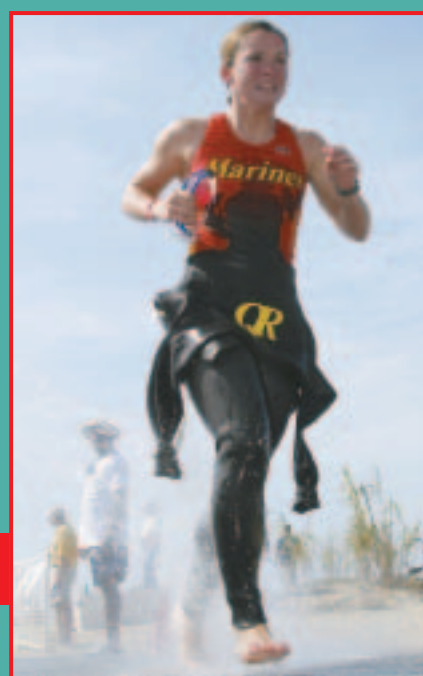
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Surf & Turf

SO, YOU THINK YOU CAN OUT run a gunny in the 40 yard dash, huh? You think you can out swim a Marine on a mission? Better think twice. Because, as usual, Marines on land and water are pushing themselves farther and faster.

From the pool to the sand, from

the track to the field, Marines competed in many races including cross-country runs, triathlons, and the mother of all races – the Marine Corps Marathon. Laces strapped tight and goggles on, jarheads at home and abroad got together to compete for bragging rights and to prove their mettle. **MI**



▼ **SAN DIEGO** – Gunnery Sgt. Anthony D. Bruce makes a quick dash to the finish in the 40-yard dash competition at the San Diego Sports Arena July 25, 2003. The motor transportation operations chief of Assault Amphibian School, Camp Pendleton, is a Brooklyn, N.Y., native. The race was part of the inaugural Ultimate Military Challenge hosted by arena football's San Diego Riptide.

Photo by Sgt. John Sayas

For more information about how to take part in the Marine Corps Marathon visit www.marinecorpsmarathon.com